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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99-372-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welcher et al. )

Serial No.: 09/724,860 )

Filed: November 28, 2000 )

For: Interferon-Like Molecules )  
and Uses Thereof )

Before the Examiner: J. Andres

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-5.

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